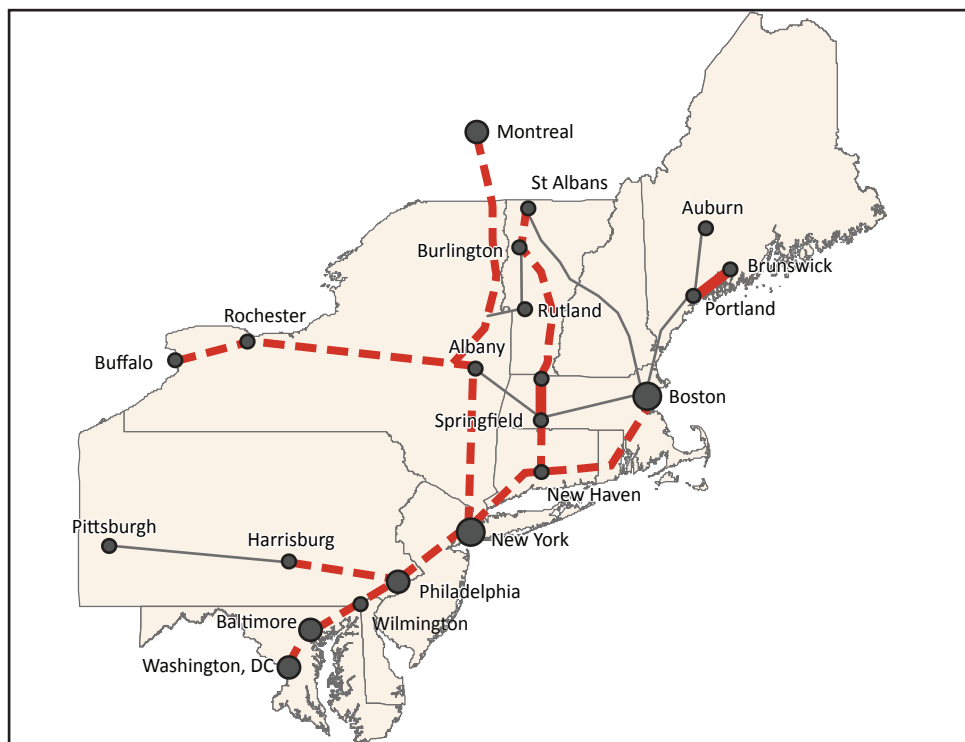




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Legend

- Corridor Development Program
- - - Projects Laying Foundation for High-Speed Passenger Rail
- Long-Term Vision for High-Speed Passenger Rail

Awardees:

Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority
 Vermont Agency of Transportation
 Massachusetts Department of Transportation
 Rhode Island Department of Transportation
 Connecticut Department of Transportation
 State of New York Department of Transportation
 New Jersey Transit
 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
 Delaware Department of Transportation
 Maryland Department of Transportation
 District Department of Transportation
 (Washington, D.C.)

Total Approximate Funding (all corridors):

\$485,000,000 (ARRA High-Speed Rail Grants)
 \$706,000,000 (ARRA Amtrak Grants)
 TOTAL - \$1,191,000,000

Benefiting States:

Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C.

Miles of Track:

New - 84 miles
 Upgraded - 1,542 miles
 Planned - 727 miles

The Northeast region currently has the most integrated passenger rail network in the country. The vision for these rail corridors is to invest in projects that will boost speeds, cut trip times and strengthen the system as a real alternative to air and car travel. The seven intercity passenger rail corridors in the region include:

Washington, D.C. - New York- Boston (Northeast Corridor): The Northeast Corridor is the spine of the region's passenger rail network; 11.5 million passengers traveled this corridor in 2008, making it the busiest in the United States. A long-term vision will be developed by a Congressionally-established commission, which is charged with identifying potential improvements to the corridor, with FRA and Amtrak committed to reducing travel times.

Philadelphia - Harrisburg: Recent major investments in this 110mph corridor have made it the second busiest in the region, with 13 round trips per day. The long-term vision includes extension of this popular service to Pittsburgh and other communities in western Pennsylvania.

New York - Albany - Buffalo: The 468-mile Empire Corridor connects all of New York's largest cities. The vision for the corridor is to increase speeds to 110mph and add daily round trips, with one of the largest investments being the construction of a third track between Albany and Buffalo.

New York - Montreal: Currently, there is daily service between New York and Montreal. Future efforts will focus on improving speed and reliability on this corridor.

Boston - Portland - Brunswick: Five round trips per day currently connect Portland to Boston and the Northeast Corridor. The vision for the route includes reducing the travel time between Boston and Portland by 17 percent, increasing capacity to seven daily round trips, and extending service to Brunswick, ME.

Albany - Rutland: This daily service connects Albany, NY to Rutland, VT. A proposed rerouting and extension of the corridor would expand this service to Burlington, VT, directly connecting this region to New York City.

New Haven - Springfield - Burlington - St. Albans: This corridor has one train per day connecting communities in central Connecticut and Massachusetts to the Northeast Corridor and Vermont. The vision for this corridor is to restore the alignment to its original route via the Knowledge Corridor in western Massachusetts, improving trip time and increasing the population base that can be served.

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Summary of Regional Investments

Grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will be used to improve safety, reliability, and travel times on all seven corridors in the region. These investments will complement ARRA funds granted to Amtrak for additional improvements to the various corridors in the Northeast.

Washington, D.C. - New York - Boston (Northeast Corridor): Funded improvements include major, long-needed projects such as the completion of engineering and environmental work for a new tunnel in Baltimore and a new station at Baltimore-Washington International Airport; final design for a new three-track bridge that will replace Portal Bridge in New Jersey; and track work in Rhode Island.

Philadelphia - Harrisburg: These grants will eliminate the three remaining grade crossings on the corridor, further improving the 110mph service, and will fund a planning study for extension of the service to Pittsburgh.

New York - Albany - Buffalo: Seven interrelated projects will be funded on this corridor, including construction of new track, signaling and interlocking improvements, upgrades to warning devices at grade crossings, and enhancements to stations in Rochester and Buffalo. These improvements will have significant safety benefits, and will improve on-time performance by an estimated nine percent.

New York - Montreal: Three miles of new track will be constructed on this route to relieve congestion, resulting in a 12.5 percent on-time performance improvement.

Boston - Portland - Brunswick: Over 30 miles of track will be restored, including 36 grade crossings, to extend new passenger rail service from Portland to Brunswick, ME.

Albany - Rutland: ARRA grants will fund the planning efforts to reroute the service from Albany to Bennington, VT to Rutland, VT, introducing passenger rail service to several communities that currently have none.

New Haven - Springfield - Burlington - St. Albans: Funding will be provided to reroute this service in western Massachusetts, where the "Knowledge Corridor" will connect Springfield to East Northfield, MA through several college towns. A station will be restored in Northampton, and a new station built in Greenfield. In Connecticut, 11 miles of a second main track will be constructed. Additionally, track and bridge improvements in Vermont will increase speeds, reducing trip times by 27 minutes.